

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER 19.

1857. Married, in Audrain county, Mo., Joseph A. Perry and Harriett Talley by Benjamin Canterbury, J. P.

1862. Beginning of a two-day fight in which Federal army was defeated by the Confederates at Chickamauga.

1881. President Garfield died at Elkhorn, N. J., at 10:35 p. m.

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1850. Omnibus bill passed by Congress.

1861. General Mulligan, with 2,600 men surrendered to General Price at Lexington, Mo.

1870. Italians occupied Rome.

1873. Panic on New York stock exchange; exchange closed and reopened on September 30.

SEPTEMBER 21.

1863. Robert Emmett hung.

SEPTEMBER 22.

1779. Paul Jones defeated English squadron.

1866. Fleet school burned in this city—night.

1901. Autumn began at 1:00 p. m.

SEPTEMBER 23.

1143. Pope Innocent died.

1809. "Black Friday." Culmination of financial panic in New York. Gold quoted at 102.

SEPTEMBER 24.

1513. Pacific ocean discovered.

1892. Ten Confederates were executed at Macon, Mo., by the order of General Merrill.

It's autumn now.

We will have dust and mud on the public square until the streets are paved.

The Caxton Co. editorially says: A great number of the "10 per cent" publishers are talking about raising the price.

One of Mexico's big advertisers says: "The Ledger gave us the best ad. we have had and it paid us well." Judicious advertising always pays.

It may of the Mexico business men want to offer premiums in the Corn show to take place in Mexico the last Saturday in October, they should do so at once.

Colours, the assassin of President McKinley, was found guilty of murder in the first degree and will be electrocuted under the laws of the State of New York.

This Missouri Military Academy has nearly double the number of cadets it had last year and more are coming. That's good. There is no better school for boys anywhere.

Patronize home institutions and when you want any factory work or repairs of any kind call and see Mr. McCully, at the new wagon factory, near Pollock's mill.

MEXICO will have two new rail routes beginning Nov. 1, one north and the other south. These routes cover 441 miles; population served 1,600. The carriers will be H. D. Hunter and G. O. McGee.

C. H. Chamberlain has purchased an interest in the Drexel (Mo.) Star. Chamberlain is a thoroughbred newspaper man and will make the Star shine even brighter than ever.

Governor A. M. Dockery writing to B. H. Kernan, Commander of Hancock Post G. A. R., Mexico, Mo., in reference to resolutions sent to the Governor by this Post says: "Whatever there are on the statutes books in reference to anarchy will be strictly enforced."

THE MEXICO LEDGER will have its own show on the last Saturday in October. If any of our business men desire to offer premiums for the best white corn or the best yellow corn or for any class they may suggest we would be glad to hear from them immediately.

SECRETARY OF STATE SAM R. COOK has announced the resignation of State Bank Examiner B. F. Clark, to take effect October 1. Mr. Clark's successor will be taken, Mr. Cook says, from the northeast part of the State, where Mr. Clark's field of labor has been. The position is an important one and pays \$2,000 a year and expenses while the examiner is in the field. There are many applicants for the place. Mr. Cook will name Mr. Clark's successor this week.

HON. MARK HANNA makes the following statement in reference to the President of the United States being guarded: "No man in public life can be safe if any man forms the resolve to surrender his own life to kill him. Our President must continue to move among the people in Democratic freedom. Their only protection is in popular respect and affection. Isolation is not to be thought of, and only patriotism can repress evil incitements of sensational publications."

THE Audrain Society of Missouri, with August Bess as Secretary, located at 238 North 14th street, St. Louis, should have the cordial support of all who are in favor of saving the birds. The slaughter of song birds is becoming more noticeable. All who love the birds, and especially the farmers, who are interested in having the insects destroyed, should encourage this society in every way possible. The annual dues are only one dollar and there should be at least 100 members of this society in Audrain county. We would like to see a local organization in connection with the State body. We are all interested in protecting the birds.

THE MEXICO LEDGER believes that every Democrat or Republican or Populist or Prohibitionist should be loyal to his party. At the same time we do not believe in a bitter personal spirit, which is so often displayed.

There are men who will not attend a funeral of another man unless he belongs to his political party. He will not attend meetings or listen to speeches or go to church unless the speaker or preacher is of his political faith. This spirit is wrong. Simply because a man does not belong to your political party is no reason that he is not honest, a gentleman, a patriot and a good man in every sense of the word. This bitter partisan spirit is calculated to injure a community, a city, a county or a state. We are all American citizens. We stand first for the Creator of the universe and then for our own government, national, state, county and city. We all have our particular party allegiance but that should never interfere with our being broad minded, loyal, patriotic American citizens. A man can be true to his party and at the same time true to his God and his country.

ALONG the line of what constitutes friendship the Kansas City Independent says: Friendship is a word little understood and continually misapplied. To see a man occasionally, call him by his Christian name, and eat his dinners, is not necessarily to be his friend. True friendship is deeply rooted, and has in it nothing of the casual, or merely conventional. It is also not confined to the heroic moments of life; it is a workaday matter, subject to the constant friction inevitable in all human relationship. Of all the rot in the world, that about "the choice of friends" is the worst. It has been a subject for moralists and wiseacres since the beginning of time. As if friends were to be selected as a woman selects a ribbon! These that do know nothing of the essential meaning of friendship; they are utilitarians of the worst type, who make "useful acquaintances" and cultivate "aids to advancement." They are the meanest sort of people, and should be avoided like so many snakes. Friendship is not a thing that comes by choice. Did you choose your first school friend? Was it not that you were drawn to him by an invisible something outside yourself? Friendship springs from an intangible something that flashes between the two, and not all the select of all the laboratories can explain it. Human souls are not displayed like so much merchandise for the selection of the buyer.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—A special house of stamps commemorative of the life of the late President McKinley is under contemplation at the Post-Office Department. Consideration of the subject, however, has not progressed sufficiently to indicate definitely what action may be taken.

DR. MYSTER, one of the President's physicians, testified that the reason the bullet was not located at the autopsy was the unwillingness of the President's relatives to have the body further mutilated by instruments. The physicians probed for four hours to locate the bullet, and then it was abandoned.

COULDS be playing his part well, as far as his refusal to profit by the advice of his attorneys is concerned. He shows but slight interest in the proceedings and has stubbornly refused to talk with the men who have been assigned to make a legal fight for his life.

THE assassin has spoken but twice in the court room. Asked to plead, he uttered the word, "Guilty." His second utterance was addressed to a bailiff, and was: "Get my hat."

ONLY ONE EXCUSE OFFERED. Remarkable silence was shown in the selection of a jury to try the assassin of President McKinley. Thirty-two trial jurors were called, and the twelve were selected without exchanging a word. Only one man sought an excuse. He was a farmer and said he had a saw mill that he wanted to repair while the water was low. His excuse was accepted.

SIX TIMES AROUND THE EARTH. The general public is vicariously aware that enormous quantities of material are used in the making of the modern magazine, comparatively few persons have any idea of the vast amount required. If the paper used in the last two issues of the *Ladies Home Journal*, for instance, were in one gigantic strip a foot wide, it would nearly six times around the earth at the equator, or almost forty-three times from New York to San Francisco. In other words, such a strip would be more than 140,000 miles long. If the copies of a single edition of the *Journal* were piled on top of another, they would tower to a height of nearly two miles, almost two thousand feet more than the average height of the Alps, or half as high again as Mount Washington. To print the *Journal* on this huge mass of paper takes almost 6,000 gallons of ink every year.

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McKINLEY'S FUNERAL

Mrs. J. C. Johnson and Her Soldier Husband Write Interesting Letters About the Ceremony at Washington.

Henry Howe, of Mexico, in receipt of the following letters from his niece, Mrs. Jake C. Johnson, well known in the readers of the *Ledger* as Miss Frances Howe, and her husband, Lieut. Jake Johnson, of the regular army:

FR. WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Well, we have buried our dead President. I never thought I should be present at the funeral services of a murdered President—least of all, McKinley, kind, good and wise as he was, the most beloved of all our Chief Executives. Our troops, 44th and 17th regiments, acted as part of the escort and left here by boat at 6:30. I went with Dr. Richards up on the electric cars at 7:45. In almost the same place, just across the street, from where we had noticed him pass to the inaugural ceremonies, we saw the hearse containing his remains go by. But what a change! In March the picture of health, had in hand, he passed through lines of cheering, admiring, happy people whose hands waved hats and handkerchiefs and whose eyes shone with pride in the man they delighted to honor. September 17th he passed silent, dead—laid low by the hand of a modern Judas—the kind face no longer smiling on the people he loved, but hidden beneath the fold of the starry flag his hand in life ever upheld. The lines of people were there just the same, but a hush was over the multitude. The air was not wet with cheers, the hands not waved. Heads were bowed, uncovered, and the eyes were dim with tears, as solemn and slow McKinley, the beloved, passed by on his last ride down the avenue.

Everywhere were craped-drag flags and pictures of the dead, long streamers of black and flags at half-mast and signs of sorrow on every face. Many wore McKinley's picture with black roses or streamers, a craped-drag carnation or some other badge of respect and mourning.

We went down to the Capitol, but felt we couldn't stand in the rain all day to get to see the remains, so we went back to town, got our lunch, and then went out to the Capitol again and viewed the crowd. It was immense. The crowds were made to form in line of two to pass in and every street had its line, most of whom stood in the rain for hours and some didn't get in. We had no hope of getting in. So we watched the people going in for a while and then I determined to make one more try. So I turned to a big, kindly-faced policeman and said, almost with tears in my eyes, for I did want to go in: "Can't you help me to get in some way? My husband is an officer in the army and I am so anxious to go in." He smiled kindly and said: "Is there anyone with you?" I said: "Only this gentleman, a surgeon in the army." He said, "Just follow me," and he took us through the line of policemen and put us in place just at the foot of the steps and in five minutes we were inside, but oh! such a momentary glance, for they were hurrying everyone so. Before we got to the sight of the catafalque I got to see lots of the floral offerings and how beautiful they were. A great wreath of white roses with "President Roosevelt" in heavy black writing on a card attached was hung over the foot of the flag-draped coffin. Much suffering had wrought a great change in a great man's face. It looked thin and worn and with the marble color of death upon it, seemed to me to be changed almost beyond recognition. Poor martyr! How glad I was that I have never had any feeling for him but love and honor and that I have ever upheld him in all that his patriotic love of country has led him to do. We shall never have another like him. But now that he is gone, let us uphold his successor who has avowed his purpose to follow in his footsteps.

An enclosed letter from Lieutenant Johnson says: "As my wife has dwelt at length on Tuesday's occurrences—her part of it—I'll tell you my part. Revell was with us at 5 a. m. and breakfast was soon thereafter as we could get it. And by six we were at the wharf in full dress uniform ready to board the steamer, "Samuel J. Penta," for our third—my second—march for the honors of McKinley, the one we had never intended we would be called on to perform. We formed on Pennsylvania avenue at 17th street in time to move off at 8:37. If the copies of a single edition of the *Journal* were piled on top of another, they would tower to a height of nearly two miles, almost two thousand feet more than the average height of the Alps, or half as high again as Mount Washington. To print the *Journal* on this huge mass of paper takes almost 6,000 gallons of ink every year.

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FOR THE COURT.

Some of the Questions for the Schley Board of Inquiry to Decide.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—These are the questions to be passed upon by the Navy Board of Inquiry appointed by Secretary Long upon the demand of Rear-Admiral Schley, which recovers here today:

1. The conduct of Rear-Admiral Schley in connection with the events of the Santiago campaign.

2. Why was the Flying Squadron delayed off Cienfuegos?

3. What caused the slow progress from Cienfuegos to Santiago?

4. The reasons for the retrograde movement from Santiago.

5. The justification for the discharge of orders of the Navy Department in connection with the events of the Santiago campaign.

6. What was the condition of the coal supply of the squadron, the facilities for coaling, and the necessity, if any, for going to Key West to coal, and were the reports of Schley relative to this subject accurate?

7. Did Schley make proper effort to capture or destroy the Colon when that ship was first sighted in the entrance of Santiago harbor, and was the attack on the batteries at the entrance of the harbor and the Spanish vessels lying inside the entrance made at proper ranges?

8. Was the blockade of Santiago harbor, as maintained by Schley, adequate?

9. Was the turn or loop made by the Brooklyn during the battle of July 3 a proper movement?

10. The propriety of Schley's controversy with Lieut. Hodgson in relation to the loop of the Brooklyn during the battle, in the ensuing colloquy and in the subsequent correspondence on the subject.

11. If, during the sessions of court, any other matters having a bearing on the controversy come up, the court must investigate them also. The inquiry is not restricted to the ten main heads mentioned.

ABOUT THEORY AND CONDITION. Once upon a time there was a young man who was about to be graduated from college. He sat down to write an oration for commencement. He chose as his subject, "The Mastery of Mind." He wrote that mind is the supreme force of the universe and that, before its mighty sweep, commercialism hides its face in shame.

"In this day," he said, "man must be educated to succeed. His interests must be cultivated. The world is learning rapidly that what it needs are men with their minds raised to the highest plane; men who think more of the brain than the dollar; men who love art for art's sake and love because it gives them a chance to love. Away with the base use to which money put their souls—the making of money! Man is no longer measured by his dollars, but by his brain. The educated poor man can go today and take the ignorant rich one would not dare intrude."

The oration was delivered according to schedule and was greeted with thunders of applause. The audience nudged itself with its elbows and said the young man would be great some day.

Four weeks later the young man, armed with his diploma, came to St. Louis to enter upon life. He wondered, when he arrived, how many \$5,000 jobs would be offered to him when the city should learn he was on hand.

Much to the young man's disappointment, not one was tendered. Then, the young man set out to find a "position"—that's the word he used when he applied for a job—and he showed his diploma to all to whom he applied. Not one of them could read the Latin in it and all gave him the lay stare when he said he had concluded he would be willing to start with a salary of \$4,000 a year.

Finally, after ten days of tramping, he procured a job—he no longer spoke of it as a position—answering the telephone at \$10 a week for a man who said "I see," and made many other grave infractions of the King's English, but had solved the problem of succeeding without any education of the college kind.

J. M. A.

For stylish Footwear.

Admiral Schley's Defense.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Counsel for Admiral Schley have developed their line of procedure. Briefly, it is as follows:

First.—They will endeavor to show that the blockade of Santiago as maintained by Schley was the same, so far as distances were concerned, as that maintained by Sampson.

Second.—That in the failure to attack the Colon, the same policy was pursued by Sampson on June 1 as by Schley before Sampson's arrival.

Third.—That on July 3 the Brooklyn had her proper station, under Sampson's orders.

Fourth.—That Sampson, from first to last, was never in the fight at Santiago, and that on Schley rested the responsibility for the battle.

Turkeys! Turkeys!

Save your turkey money and buy a Superior Cooking Turkey.

FERRIS & CAUTION.

Insane Patients Escape Flames.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., September 23.—The State Insane Asylum at Norfolk, Neb., was burned to the ground before daylight this morning.

The entire institution was consumed. The 300 inmates were all taken out, but many were severely burned.

Special trains were made up at Norfolk to take 100 patients to the Beatrice Public Mental Institute, 50 to the Hastings Hospital for the Insane, and 150 to the insane hospital in this city for temporary care until the building can be rebuilt. The loss is estimated at \$300,000. No insurance.

It is our loss—not yours—if you break one of our F. & C. black axes. Every one is guaranteed.

FERRIS & CAUTION.

Whistling for Bob White.

From the Kansas Times.

This is the kind of talk that is making the rounds of the Missouri newspapers regarding party:

"No Missouri journalist is more popular among the newspaper men than Colonel Bob White. The press of the State is now congratulating him upon the fact that he has twenty-five years made the *Mercury* one of the best papers in the West."

FERRIS & CAUTION.

Stock and Farm Notes.

Tuesday's Live Stock Reporter says James H. Starr, one of the best known stockmen of Audrain county, was here and marketed 59 head of choice 28-month hogs of his own raising and feeding that sold at \$7.30.—D. H. Barker and J. H. Arnold, well known among the old and prominent consignors of the market obtained the lot of the beef market to day for some steers which they marketed in that class. There were 37 head in the consignment which was shipped on the morning of Tuesday. They averaged 425 pounds and brought \$6.35. G. C. Turner, of Audrain county, was the feeder.

Court sessions began at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Jury selected in two hours and forty-five minutes.

Examination of witnesses and addresses to jury took five hours.

Jury reported agreement in twenty-eight minutes.

Judgment rendered at twenty-six minutes after 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Court actually in session eight hours and thirteen minutes.

Sentence will be pronounced at two o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Osteopathy.

Osteopathy cured without medicine or knife. See Dr. Traugott, who is here on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week for treating. Offices across the street east of the post-office. Consultation and examination free. Office hours: 7 a. m. to 5 p. m. Special hours by appointment. S. W. T.

We will venture to say there are no more Superior Cooking Turkey being used in Audrain county than any other brand—possibly two brands. They last well, they cook well and they give satisfaction.

FERRIS & CAUTION.

Fine Pacer.

Ben Middleton, of Mexico, won the 235 pace at the Columbia Fair in three straight heats with "Norsine" his fine black pacing mare. "Norsine" is a promising young pacer and Ben has a right to be proud of her.

FERRIS & CAUTION.

The ascendancy of Roosevelt seems to favor the Cullum faction in Illinois politics. The appointment of the Senator's son-in-law is pointed to as an evidence of the new President's sentiments in regard to the Illinois political warfare.

Ernest A. McKim, of Kansas City, who married Miss Mabel Hartley, of this city, has a position as conductor on the Metropolitan Street Railway Company.

A Gen'l Vetter call, \$3.50 above for \$2, at Bannock's.

The Fall Season

Is now upon us and naturally you are looking around for your fall goods. You want first to find the newest and most stylish goods. Then you want to buy them at the right prices. We can fix you on both propositions. We have just returned from the markets and are prepared with all the new things. We call your attention to the following lines in which we excel:

Dress Goods

Come first in importance and we make a special effort to keep this department to the front. We now have all the new things in Venetians, Poplins, Paquin Serges, Cheviots, Prunellas, Gull Suitings, Hair Line Skirting, &c. All the leading colors.



Corsets

Are our stand-by. This cut represents a stout Ladies' Corset and sells for \$1.50. The Thompson glove-fitting Corset is our leader and we have them in all shapes—a short girde, a medium, called Paris shape, a long waist, &c. Average price \$1.00. We order Her Majesty for our customers.

Hosiery

Is one of the strongest lines we have and the strongest part of this line is our Rough Rider Hose for boys at 25c; not 23c or any other cheaper price, but the best quarter Hose you ever put on a boy's foot. Other good things for both ladies and children.

Our Silk Department

Contains Peaudesois, Armures, Taffetas, Satins, &c. Tail-cuts range in price from 50c to \$1.00 a yard and are from 19 inches to 36 inches wide. We have a fair line of colors in 36 inch Skinner Satins at \$1.50 per yard. Some beautiful Silk Waists in Persian stripes just received, at \$1.50 yard.



MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

is an every day necessity. We carry a nice stock.

Our Linens

Are our pride. We have Table Linens, Art Linens, Irish Linens, Handkerchief Linens, Butcher's Linens, &c., and take pains in having them right. Handkerchiefs are a necessity since the cool weather last week. We have all Linen ones for 5c; any other price or kind.

Notions

We have, from a needle to a pillow, or most any old thing. We always have the newest things in Belts and Ties. See them this week.

Wash Goods

For fall are not all we could desire, because we cannot find all we want. But what the market affords we have some of such as Ginghams, Percalles, Cheviots, Flannellets, &c.



This cut calls your attention to our materials for Waists of which we have a great assortment. Our French Flannels, Albatros, &c., are plain and striped and we price them from 50c to \$1.25 yard. We have a great line. The Persian stripes and the bordered Appliques are the high art novelties.

Our Yarn Stock

Includes Zephyrs, Saxons, German Town and Shetland Floss in all colors. We have to-day Shetland Floss in black, blue, pink, yellow, lilac, green.

Everybody wears UNDERWEAR and we have tried to buy to suit everybody's wants. If you are extra size try us. If you are very small try us. If you want the best of any kind, price or style, try us.

Our endeavor is not to sell the cheapest things we can find, but to sell the best things as cheap as anyone.

Brown & Smith.

INSURANCE WAS \$67,000.

McKinley's Policies Were for That Amount—Mrs. McKinley's Annual Income Will be \$13,000.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—In view of the exaggerated reports of the amount of the insurance policies on the President's life, an authoritative statement was made today by one of the late President's closest friends in New York City. He said:

"It is not necessary to mention any name, but all of President McKinley's friends in Washington will understand who is speaking. The exact amount of the President's policies is \$67,000, and not a penny more. Of this amount \$50,000 was carried by a life insurance company of New York City. The remaining \$17,000 was carried by smaller companies. This statement is absolutely correct in every particular."

It was ascertained to-day that it was Senator Hanna and another friend who induced President McKinley to increase his life insurance. The President had many expenses during his life, and he had not been able to save much. Up to 1895 his life insurance policies aggregated \$12,000.

Mrs. McKinley's income from the insurance policies, the pension of \$5,000 a year which Congress will grant and the money saved by the President will be about \$13,000 a year.

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